



**KAPIOLANI
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**KAPIOLANI MENTORING
PROGRAM**

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Building Bridges to the Future



**KAPIOLANI
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**SURVIVORS
OFFERING
SUPPORT**

PEER MENTORING PROGRAM



GOAL

Our goal is to offer the foster youth of Hawai'i support, stability, and enriched social experiences to help them overcome their past traumas, take control of their lives, and prevent the cycle of abuse and neglect.

The Peer Mentoring Program seeks to:

- < Enhance the lives of children in foster care by providing various social activities.
- < Develop a supportive network for children in foster care.
- < Develop positive role models for younger children by developing a relationship with an older mentor that has shared experience with them.
- < Develop positive interpersonal and social skills for the mentee.
- < Develop leadership and communication skills for the peer mentors.
- < Improve self esteem and self worth for the peer mentor.

HOW TO JOIN

Becoming a Mentor

The Peer Mentors are selected from a group of current or former foster youths who have graduated from the Kapi'olani Child Protection Center's Peer Counselor Training Program.



Becoming a Mentee

The mentees are children from ages 6 to 12 years old who were separated from their natural parents and placed in foster homes due to child maltreatment. Referrals are accepted from DHS, therapists, and foster parents. The children are screened for appropriateness by the staff of the Kapi'olani Child Protection Center (KCPC).

Mentors and mentees are paired by KCPC's mental health staff. The pairs have supervised social activities once a month. The activities include cultural and social themes, the beach, hiking, sports activities, and etc. The peer mentors also have telephone contact with the mentees in between monthly outings.

SURVIVORS OFFERING SUPPORT

The Survivors Offering Support (SOS) Line was developed for anyone part of the foster care system that have questions or just need someone to talk



to. SOS is an information line and our hours are from 8am to 4:30 pm. When calling the SOS Line, it is more than likely that the speaker will be a former or current foster youth who can relate to what foster youth today are going through. The SOS Line can also refer people to other organizations that may provide assistance with specific needs of a youth in foster care.



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